1 2 3 4 5 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA JUMAH ABDULLAHI THOMAS 10 MOORE ALI, 11 No. CIV S-02-0937 MCE KJM P Plaintiff, 12 VS. COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, et al., 13 Defendants. ORDER 14 15 Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme 16 Court has ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent 17 prisoners in § 1983 cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In 18 certain exceptional circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel 19 20 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). <u>Terrell v. Brewer</u>, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); 21 Wood v. Housewright, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court does not find the required exceptional circumstances at this time. Plaintiff's motion for the 22 23 appointment of counsel will therefore be denied. ///// 24 25 ///// ///// 26

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's August 10, 2007 motion
for the appointment of counsel is denied.

DATED: August 22, 2007.

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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